

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
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FROM CITY MANAGER STEVE MCKOWN



Well, you have heard that a picture is worth a 1,000 words. So, I don't want to add too many words to describe what you are seeing in these photos. Know this, Kevin and I are very happy with our guys who are sacrificing so much to help out our fellow Americans in Pennsylvania and New York. They are expected to return home Monday from Long Island, Bethpage with many stories and a ton of experience. There are still 200,000 in Bethpage without power today. But with the dedication of our guys and crews from all over America, they will not stop until all is restored.

Dates to Remember:

November 10, 2012	2 nd Annual Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Golf Tournament
November 13, 2012	Chamber Business Bash – Clewiston Inn at 5:00 pm
November 15, 2012	Commission Workshop
November 16, 2012	Florida City Gas – Check Presentation 2:00 at Woodwork’s Park
November 19, 2012	Commission Meeting

Veteran’s Day refuse collection schedule: The City will not be offering solid waste collection on Monday November 12, 2012. We will be collecting Monday’s routes on Tuesday, November 13. Thursday’s route will be regular scheduling.

Thanksgiving Day refuse collection schedule: The City will not be offering solid waste collection on Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day. We will be collecting on Friday, November 23, the day after Thanksgiving.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Code Enforcement opened seven (7) new cases – three (3) for illegal vehicles; two (2) for landscape maintenance and two (2) for fence maintenance and closed eight (8) cases.
- Angler’s Marina is expanding their boat repair area. This addition will increase the length of the existing shop by six (6) feet.
- All political signs should be removed from all areas of the City within seven (7) days of Election Day. Please call (863) 983-1500 with any questions or concerns.

Golf Course Director Pena reports:

- Many of our winter residents and groups have started to arrive for the “season”. Many plans for outings are being discussed,
- The 2nd Annual *Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Golf Tournament* is scheduled for this *Saturday, November 10th*. Registration cost is just \$75 per golfer or \$300 per team. All proceeds go to the Brian Haas Memorial Scholarship Fund. This includes lunch, golf and prizes. Signups are in the Pro Shop. See you there.
- The 1st Annual *Stan Wegscheid Memorial Golf Tournament* benefitting His Vision Our Hands Non-Profit Organization is scheduled for *Saturday, December 1st* at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person which includes lunch. Contact Scott or Susan Wegscheid at (863)-673-4630.
- The course will be open on *Monday, November 12th for Veterans’ Day* with holiday hours (last tee time 2:00 p.m.). Veterans get special discount on golf. Call for tee times.
- The course will be **closed on Thanksgiving**, but, open (with holiday hours unless play is heavy) the day after Thanksgiving. Call for tee times(s).

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officers responded to the scene of a shooting on East Ventura Saturday. Detectives quickly arrived to help process the scene. A suspect was identified, located and arrested. The victim had a minor wound to the hip area.

- DUI arrests are up. We continue to be vigilant and will be planning more organized initiatives to combat drunk driving over the holiday season.
- We have received another JAG grant. It requires no match and we intend to use it for a computer and camera database to help us maintain crime data and produce quality mug shots and photo lineups.
- With Detective Julius Taylor still out and no certain date for his return, Sgt. Justin Spence has stepped in to help fill the void in CID. He is doing an excellent job as evidenced by the shooting mentioned earlier.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 933** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 514** Complaints Investigated
 - 91** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 49** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 23** Criminal Arrests Made
 - 68** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 13** Alarms Responded To
 - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- We started decorating for Christmas this week. So far, we have the light trees up on Central Avenue, the building banner enhancers, the Nativity Scene, the Menorah, waving Santa with a light tree, wreaths on City Hall, Police Department and at the Golf Course.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The maintenance to all the baseball and softball fields at Sugarland Sports Complex continues as scheduled.
- Hidden Park playground structures outside of the "play area" were cleaned and painted this week. Mulch will be added to the play area as soon as it arrives.
- CPAC (Clewiston Performing Arts Center) has added "Zen Yoga" to its activities offered to the citizens of Clewiston. Call 983-8399 for more information.
- "After School Tutoring" for elementary and middle school aged children began this week at the Youth Center from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Please contact Debbie Fouch at Golden Apple Learning Co. at (863) 673-3981 for more information.
- It is the time of the year that the John Boy Auditorium, Beardsley Room, Youth Center and other venues become more popular for events. If you are planning an event, please contact the Youth Center at 983-1492 as early as possible to reserve a venue for your activity or event.
- Don't forget the CHS "Tiger Growl" Dinner will be held at the John Boy Auditorium this Saturday evening from 6:00 -10:00 p.m. Contact Josh Whitehead, Tiger Booster President, at 228-2938 for tickets and information.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.